Book Discount Discontinued By Committee

By ALBERT AROUH
Staff Writer

Tuesday the Finance Committee voted by a 4-1 margin to abolish the existing five percent discount with a paid ID card on all books.

The committee was responding to a motion that had been passed by A.S. council Oct. 28.

At that time council decided to table the motion in order to get more "rebuttal" from students.

The decision is meant to generate more funds for A.S. to use in a general contingency fund where-by the majority of students will benefit, rather than just those few individuals who take advantage of the five percent discount with a paid ID card, according to Eddy LaMar, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Money that goes back into the A.S. general fund is used for such things as legal aid, campus improvements, and funding for entertainment, like rock concerts.

"Instead of money going back to the individual it would go back to all the students," said LaMar. "Look at it this way: if you buy a book with a six percent sales tax you only pay one percent if you have a paid ID card, which is a saving to the individual, but by discontinuing the discount all money goes back into the general contingency fund where its benefits all the students, whether they have a paid ID card or not."

Although the Finance Committee voted to discontinue the five percent discount, it still must be ratified by council next Tuesday.

The committee ignored a petition of about 100 names in favor of keeping the discount when they made their decision.

The committee is still interested in student feedback, according to LaMar. Students wishing to express their views about the abolishment of the discount may do so by writing their names and opinions on a piece of paper and dropping them in suggestion boxes throughout various parts of campus.

Nelson Tucker, A.S. president, moved in favor to abolish the five percent discount, and Ginnie Beals, commissioner of public relations, seconded the motion. Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student affairs, and LaMar also voted in favor of discontinuing the five percent discount.



A MUDDY MESS—Parking Lot E glistens after the recent rains. The parking area is being repaved and should, if things go according to plan, be finished within a week.

Valley Star Photo by Greg Bangerd

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Controversial Vote Nears; Faculty Faces Hard Choice

By DAVID GREENWALD
City Editor

Los Angeles Community College District faculty will go to the polls on Jan. 17 to elect a bargaining agent to represent them at the negotiating table. The choice that will have to be made does not appear to be clear cut, as both principles in the election battle seem to support the same basic programs.

Dr. Arnold Fletcher, president of the American Federation of Teachers-College Guild and a history professor at Valley College, told Star that there really was not much difference between the goals of his organization and those of the Los Angeles California Teachers Association, the other candidate in the election.

"This election is not one of policy, but of effectiveness," said Fletcher, indicating that he felt the AFT had a much better track record than the LA-CTA in getting things accomplished.

Speaking for the LA-CTA, Dr. Merle Fish, chapter president for the group, which he claims is not a union, but rather, a professional organization, does not agree that his organization is ineffectual. Instead, he attacks the AFT as being a weak body, shy of membership and plagued by monetary woes.

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Spring President-elect Views Programs for Coming Term

By RICHARD GREEN
Staff Writer

In the wake of a successful Associated Students presidential campaign, president-elect Steve Manuels, is planning his strategy against what he considers to be two of Valley College's biggest problems, slacking student ID sales and inefficiency in student government.

"In the past, there have been petty rivalries and jealousies which have prohibited student government from operating efficiently," said Manuels.

"I hope to establish better communications in student government, in order to ward off these kind of problems."

ID sales can be boosted, according to Manuels, through an expansion of benefits to the paid ID card holder and strict enforcement of the student parking regulations.

"I don't want to name any specific additional programs at this time, but I feel that ID sales can increase through additional benefits to the paid ID card holder," said Manuels. "The ticketing of cars that are parked in the student parking lots without parking stickers should provide additional motivation to buy a paid ID card."

While Manuels' initial office goals seem to involve increased ID card sales and efficient student government, vice-president elect, Jeff Sloane's, initial priorities include transfering the Inter-Organization Council into a "policy making organization."

When Sloane takes office on Jan. 28, it will be his duty to head the Inter-Organization Council, a council designed to function for campus clubs and organizations and initiate legislation for the A.S.

Sloane contends, however, that the I.O.C. has been remiss in its legislative responsibilities in the past.

"I would like to see parliamentary procedures initiated in the I.O.C.," said Sloane. "I feel that the I.O.C. has the potential to be Valley's lower legislative body in relation to the student council as the upper legislative body."

Despite Sloane's hopes for the I.O.C., Manuels has reservations about the use of the I.O.C. as a strong legislative body.

'OUGHT TO BE SHOT'

Vandals Maime Sequoia

By ROB GALIN
and DAVE GREENWALD

A young giant Sequoia was seriously maimed on the Valley College campus during the holiday recess. Valley's head gardener Don Reid said that it appeared to have been chopped down for use as a Christmas tree.

The tree, a giant Redwood indiginous to California, but rare to the Southland, was 8½ years old when vandals cut it five feet from its base. It was donated by instructor David Dixon and Norton Siegel, a clerk in the life science stockroom.

"That's really sick. And in the name of Christmas, that makes it worse," stated Siegel.

There is a strong possibility that the Redwood can regenerate, but Siegel said that it would look strange for at least several years. The tree is part of the botony program at Valley.

Students tour the campus and study the different specimens that are natural to the area and ones (like the Sequoia) that are brought from other areas.

Siegel said that photographs have been taken of the tree since it was donated seven years ago. The pictures provide a documentary of the tree's growth, until now.

The tree is one of two of its species at Valley and Siegel was noticeably upset when he was informed that his gift to the school had been disfigured.

He repeatedly mentioned how sickening it was to him that the tree would be cut down for Christmas.

"The person or persons involved ought to be shot."



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT??—During the winter recess a young Sequoia, eight and a half years old, was maimed by, what are thought to be, thoughtless Christmas tree hunters. The tree, which stood outside the office of the journalism department chairman in the Business/Journalism Building, is mourned by Steve Klingman, a Valley photo student.

Valley Star Photo by Pat Bower

Handicapped Pupils Need Ride to LAVC

Valley College, in an attempt to provide adequate transportation for handicapped students to and from school, is offering payment to drivers for their services, according to George Kopoulos, coordinator of Special Programs.

Those offering to drive disabled students to and/or from Valley can receive payment if they meet the specified requirements for student workers. Wages will be based on the amount of time spent driving en route to the student's location and school.

"The ride situation is critical," commented Kopoulos. "We have identified over 2,600 handicapped persons on campus. That doesn't mean all of them require special services, but some do need help getting to and from school.

"We know that there are many (disabled) students in the community who can't go to school because of this transportation problem."

In a previous editorial in the Star, the need for a better system of transportation for handicapped students was focused upon. Volunteers were asked to lend their time to this program; results were not favorable.

"We have had a very poor response to the editorial," said Kopoulos. "Only two students have offered to help since the article ran, and they came in response to posters placed around the campus."

The cost to operate a transportation system for disabled students is not practical at the time. At present, the Los Angeles Community College District is conducting a feasibility survey to determine if a fairly extensive program can be initiated sometime in the future.

Plans for a shuttle service which will provide on-and-around-campus transportation are now underway, according to Kopoulos. A 10-person jitney recently purchased by the Special Programs office will be used to cover the periphery of the college and deliver students to various locations around the campus.

Additional information regarding driving services may be obtained by contacting Ralph Lazo, 781-1200 ext. 267.

RETRACTION

In the Dec. 16 issue of Star it was erroneously reported that Jon Roseman lost his bid for election to the office of commissioner of public relations. Roseman polled 278 votes, while his opponent, Mike Wakes captured 268.

Lots' Repaving Deletes Spaces

A $30 thousand project to repave three campus parking lots will reduce the available parking area for approximately two months, according the Dean Donald Brunet.

The three lots to be repaved are as follows: Lot E, located adjacent to the football stadium; Lot A, located on the corner of Burbank Avenue and Fulton Avenue; and Lot B, located between the Music Building and Oxnard Street.

Lot E is currently being paved and workmen expect to finish within one week if all "goes well."

However, according, to Dean Brunet, all has not gone well so far.

"We hoped to get parking Lot E done over Christmas Vacation, but rain has slowed down the job," said Brunet. "Also, the weekend before school started, many of the knobs on the machinery were taken off by vandals."

The process by which the parking lots are repaved involve a recycling of the old concrete.

"First, the old concrete is torn up and pulversied," said Lee Brooks, LACCD inspector, "and secondly, the old concrete is layed down as a base with a layer of blacktop forming the surface."

The weekend before school started, youths could be seen in the construction area, reported Lenny Wosk, Valley student.

Patrons Contribute $650 Gift

A donation of $650 was raised by the Valley College Patron's Association for the night tutorial services to begin next spring.

The gift, which was awarded in the form of a check last Monday, was raised through various recycling drives along with catering the Dean's Tea this semester.

Night students will be able to take advantage of the free tutoring service at the Learning Center Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Continuing their pursuit to aid various campus organizations, the Patrons are presently sponsoring a boutique sale. The display of sale items is encased in Monarch Hall and includes such handcrafts as jewelry, stationery, tote bags, and various other novelty items.

Those wishing to purchase merchandise can pay at CC 100.

Another fundraising project underway by the Patrons is the sale of a coupon booklet called "Entertainment '77."

Proceeds from the sales will go toward the proposed shallow pool. The booklets, which sell at $12.50 and are tax deductible, are available at the Business Office and offers the holder tickets to sports events, restaurants, stage attractions, and other up-coming events.

Prof Urges Learning English Fundamentals

By STEPHEN O'SHAUGHNESSY
Staff Writer

"In a desire to prepare for their future occupations, students today are severely limiting themselves by specializing in their college majors too early," said Rita Werner, professor of English at Valley College. In fact, a top concern among college students for the past few years has been to prepare for future occupations, Werner recently said.

"To most people," she continued, "English is only an academic frill and a mere exercise in mental stimulation. This is, in fact, very far from the truth."

Werner mentioned, for instance, that graduates with a background in English have a distinct edge over graduates with other preparations.

As an example, Werner cited a study in which a member of a state medical school recently said, "that provided a student is well grounded in mathematics and the sciences, his broader literary background affords him a definite advantage over colleagues who have restricted themselves to a limited curriculum, studying material that, to a great extent, will be repeated in medical school."

Commenting along with Werner on the value of English literature courses were Edythe McGovern and John Zounes, both professors of English.

McGovern said that besides loving the theater, she also teaches a dramatic literature course that will be taught by Marvin Zuckerman during the 1977 Spring semester at Valley. The objective of the course is a historical survey of dramatic literature from the beginning to the present day, with emphasis on the works of the major playwrights, such as Sophocles, Shakespeare, Moliere, Shaw, Ibsen, O'Neill, and the important avant-garde authors.

Besides reading and discussing plays in class, McGovern said, "Theater differs from the other genres of literature in that instead of being read, plays are meant to be seen and heard.

"Besides," continued McGovern, "audiences are an important part of what happens on the stage and a fairly important ingredient in whether a play is successful or not."

Teaching the course, Literature and the Motion Picture, Zounes said the course is "basically a literature course in which the technical aspects of film are similar to that of literature so that by studying films, one can better understand literature.

"The best literature cannot be made into an equivalent film because film cannot capture the craftsmanship and intensity of language," said Zounes.

As in all literary genres, McGovern

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STAR EDITORIAL

Ideals Result in Queries

Campaigning for Proposition 14 in the last election or working for a citizen's rights group may seem like a harmless task to most.

But many people, especially students, don't realize that this may lead to being turned down on a loan application, inability to get employed, losing a job, etc.

This is usually the result of abuse or misuse by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies on data or files regarding them.

"Often false or misleading reports on an individual will covertly harass an individual for years in all parts of the United States without the person being aware of it," said John Mettle of the National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice (NCLE).

"The individual is only aware (in the case of seeking employment) that he or she may not be getting jobs that he or she is well qualified for.

"Our research has shown that if erroneous data enters a nationwide computer system then it will follow you across the country," Mettle added.

The purpose of NCLE, a non-profit organization, is to correct and prevent the practice of police organizations falsifying records and dossiers on citizens.

For the past year and a half, the NCLE has been conducting a nationwide search for cases of such abuse and, presently, it has released a report of the study.

The report states that as well as students, false files are kept on civil rights groups, social reform groups, religious organizations, and others.

In action, the NCLE is presenting affidavits obtained from victimized citizens throughout the country to the new Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.

Although it is an over-used cliche, it is true that there is strength in numbers. As an individual, it is almost impossible to fight this kind of government abuse.

With the NCLE available, it is not necessary to combat the problem alone and possibly bring on even more harrassment.

To keep its mission going of preventing record falsifying before it occurs, and gathering documentation when it does occur for presentation to proper legislative representatives for the establishment of guidelines to halt such abuses, the NCLE needs to know who the abused are.

If you have suffered such abuse, the NCLE strongly suggests that you contact the group at 2723 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA, or call 384-6832.

INTROSPECT

Power of the Press Can Be Abused

WILLETTA GRADY
Managing Editor



As the old saying goes, the pen is mightier than the sword. But the L.A. Times (Dec. 14) pointed out the power of a mighty press can be abused.

There has always been a check and balance system between the powers of government and the press. Although the different entities would be in constant battle, the newspaper would remain as the watchdog in society.

In this particular case, the Independent Press-Telegram of Long Beach overstepped their roles as watchdogs to oversee the policy-making of city government.

It had even come to one point, as described by the Times, that the newspaper actually ran the elections of city officials by supporting the candidates who favored the same issues as did the newspaper.

The newspaper became the central voice for all social and business affairs within the power structure of the city government.

But how can the public feel confident in their city officials when the voice that criticizes and destroys the corruption disappears?

Even when the people stood up to begin a recall of city officials, the attempt failed through a heavy political campaign by leaders of the newspaper.

The markings of a true journalist is recognized by the realization that the role as the watchdog is prevalent to any other role in the journalist's profession. That line that divides politics from the press is at times very thin.

Corruption in a government would fester upon itself without the watchdog to bring that corruption into the public eye.

Hopefully, the Independent Press-Telegram will resume their intended roles and again make it a check and balance system in the city of Long Beach.

VALLEY FORGE

New Year Comes One Second Later; Star Editor Makes 1977 Resolutions

ANNETTE ALVIDRES
Editor-in-Chief



There was something unusual about this semester's Winter Vacation.

It wasn't just the same two weeks (subtract one day if you have a Saturday class) as usual.

The difference probably went unnoticed by most, but Winter Vacation was one second longer than usual.

It seems that the earth is spinning behind calendar schedule, and therefore officials at the National Bureau of Standards found it necessary to add one second to the last day of 1976.

And on a second's notice, I was able to think of some New Year's resolutions that will probably go unkept. I give myself about one month before I pretend I never made any resolutions.

This year I resolve to forgive Bakersfield for the way we were treated at the Monarchs vs. Renegades football game at Bakersfield. The assistant dean of students there assured me that not everyone in Bakersfield is rednecked and that the next time I'm there (God knows when) we should meet on better terms at the college.



Last year I resolved to write letters to family and friends once a week. That lasted two weeks. In January 1976, I began almost all of my correspondence with "Hi. How are you?" Naturally, that got boring and I resigned myself to writing only when I had some extraordinary event to write about.

Well, perhaps my experience with the Valley Star will allow me to write letters of more interest. So, I am re-resolving to write letters once a week (as soon as my term as editor is over, of course).

Early in December, Mike Wyma, a Valley News reporter, interviewed me for his column. He took an interest to the story about my award (tail-end of a horse) from Nelson Tucker, Associated Students president.

When Wyma called me, it was several weeks since the trophy had been presented, and after an exchange of letters, I felt no anger toward Tucker anymore. But Wyma didn't believe me. So, in his column, I came across as still perturbed about the event.

Therefore, my next resolution is to reaffirm that I am no longer upset about the award, although it is not something I would show my friends and relatives.

This next resolution will remain resolved. I will never again move my boyfriend's side-view mirror without his knowledge of it.

Last month, we were driving along and he asked me to adjust the mirror for him. He told me some Van Nuys d——— (an instrument used to massage that is phallic in shape) had moved it. When I told him that I was the guilty party, he apologized for having called me that indirectly. I won't let him live it down although he assures me that he wasn't calling me a d———.

Incidently, no harm meant toward Van Nuys. Like Bakersfield, not everyone in Van Nuys is a d———.

Here is a resolution that will stick without question. While I was home recovering from my surgery last month, I watched a soap opera for lack of anything better to do. I realized half way through the show that it should have been called "As the Heart Burns." I resolve to never watch a soap opera again.

But, what the hell. We have just "One Life To Live," "As the World Turns," and although I am "(The) Young and (The) Restless," I will try to keep all of my resolutions.

Happy New Year, all, and have a safe and prosperous 1977.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

A.S. President Comments on Campaign Practices; Alumnus Notes Similarities

Editor,

"Political practices stink." That's how you began your last editorial on Dec. 16. I am truly shocked at the content which followed in that editorial.

In referring to the smear sheets distributed against two candidates of A.S. office, you said the Star is not insinuating that any member of council produced the memo. You then proceeded to imply in a very direct manner that certainly some members of the council may have been involved since one of the fliers was posted on the student government bulletin board.

On the last day of the elections, I toured the entire campus and found the same flier in 41 classrooms (by the way, I removed all that I found, contrary to your comment that student government seems intent on promoting such deeds.) Does the flier's presence in classrooms imply that professors are in some way involved? Or, is it possible that certain staff writers for the Star may have had a hand since the same memo was found in the Journalism Department? Surely not!

Shame on you, editors and advisors, for printing such defamatory statements which are based apparently on nothing more than unprofessional emotionalism.

Yours truly,
Nelson Tucker
Student Body President

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Editor,

I am a senior citizen taking a review course in Federal Income Tax, at Valley College and I am also a resident of the area. I therefore qualify for the privilege of writing and having my letter published, hopefully on the Star's editorial page.

I am hereby appealing to the officials, faculty, and students of the college to work and unite for the cause of peace. I look back upon my life which started in 1906 and recall the First World War, which was called "The War to End All Wars." I recall that in my early teens young men coming to report to the Draft Board located in the public school which I attended. Then when they were placed on trucks which were to take them to the training campus, how their mother and fathers ran after them weeping...

I recall also the brushfire wars which occurred prior to World War II, with the rise of facism in Italy, militarism in Japan, a dictatorship in Spain and Nazism in Germany. Then



came the shameful capitulation of Great Britain at Munich and the surrender of Eastern Europe to Adolf Hitler.

I deeply regret to say that all the hopes and work of those who fought to create a humane atmosphere for peace in 1945 and 1946 has been mostly wasted away. The first great effort was the United Nations.

Another was a convention of delegates from labor unions, religious organizations, peace groups, and several members of the Congress and Senate who addressed the delegates. It was held in the year 1946 and the meeting took place in the auditorium of the Department of Agriculture Building, Washington D.C.

The purpose of those who met was to try to formulate a program to prevent the cold war, which then was being organized by those who controlled the State Department and those planning future military policies.

We were too few in number and influence to overcome the odds against us. Those who won control of our policies set the basis for hostilities which broke out in Southeastern Asia, the arms race which has cost the world hundreds of billions of dollars, the turmoil in the Middle East and the confrontation between the East and the West in Europe.

The administration which stated that realism and practicality is the way to carry on foreign relations, and the morality, human decency and ethical principle are too dangerous has been voted out of power.

President-elect Jimmy Carter who made the call for a return to morality, human decency and ethical principles in our foreign policies in his second debate with President Ford is now in the process of organizing his administration.

It is extremely important that we all urge him to organize the entire executive branch and especially his cabinet to carry out the high standards from human conduct he has promised.

The universities and colleges must do their part to restore confidence in government and in the democratic way of life which was given to us by a very great group of men just 200 years ago.

There will be many obstacles placed in his way by those who almost did away with our form of government who constantly used their control of the media to spread apathy and set up machinery to destabilize governments and instill terrorism as a way of life in many parts of the world.

There should be some way, either a convocation or general assembly of the college set up to convey our thoughts and hopes for peace to President-elect Carter and Vice President Mondale.

Yours respectfully,
Louis Kramer

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Editor,

I received the dated copy of the Valley Star (Sept. 23) through the courtesy of Dr. Aura-Lee Pittinger and in spite of the efficiency of both the U.S. and Australian Post Office systems. Naturally, I read the Star from cover to cover and noticed similar stories and comments to when I attended Valley. Articles such as "Volunteers sought to Aid in Red Cross Blood Drive," "Officers Vacate Positions," "AMS President Plans New Student Activities," etc. The football team appears to be doing better than in '66, '67, and hopefully they will have repeated last year's performances.

The article of particular personal interest which induced me to write this letter, is the one referred to at the beginning of this letter; while Ms Avila has "hopes to be the first foreign student elected student body president," this will be difficult as there has been at least one other foreign A.S. President.

Gerry Huybregts
A.S. President S'67

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 350-400 words. They may be edited for length or conciseness. All letters should be signed, and students should state their majors. Names will be withheld upon request.

PERSONALITY

Julius Garrick Seeks New Avenues

By RUTH PEVNA
Staff Writer

You can watch the men and women running around the track on the athletic field every day. It is routine for many, maybe boredom for a few.

To Julius Garrick, age 66, it is the highlight of his life.

In spite of a heart impairment, Garrick decided to seek new avenues of activity. He has been retired (second retirement!) and both he and his wife attend Valley College.

Garrick was employed by the United States Post Office in New York City for many years. He retired from this service at the age of 57. He and his wife then came to California to establish a new home. This move enabled them to live near their only daughter and her family. However, Garrick was unable to remain idle; he obtained a position with the L.A. Dept. of Water and Power. He retired again for the second time about two years ago.

Although Garrick enjoys attending Valley College, he found school work too sedentary for him. He therefore sought to try a class in physical education. With the cooperation of Coach Nick Giovanazzo and the school physician, a program of walking around the track plus a little jogging was planned especially for him.

Today, this soft-spoken, happy fellow grins as he talks about the T-shirt that reads, "100 Miler Club of L.A. Valley College." The shirt was presented to him by Coach Giovanazzo for walking and jogging around the track for a distance of 100 miles or more. He has earned it.

"It is beautiful when you are out there on the field; blue skies, green grass ... it feels like my own private estate. One day I was accompanied by a butterfly. Other times seagulls have been my companions. I feel free. Not only does it relieve me of stress, but I feel cleansed and renewed."

Julius Garrick has been "around the track" many times in his life ... but this time he's really enjoying the trip!

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Artifacts Dating Back Centuries Unearthed by Archaeologists

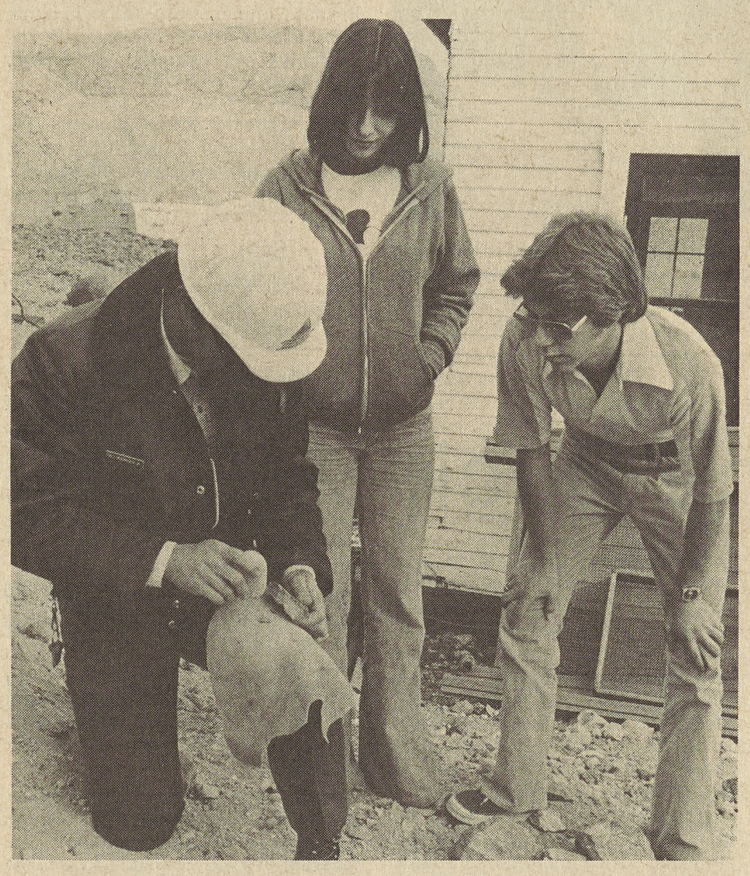
By ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

Artifacts dating back a possible 70-100 thousand years were found in the Mojave Desert during the winter vacation by the Valley College Anthropology/Archaeology Club.

The field trip, which took place December 29 and 30, was conducted in below freezing temperatures at the "Calico Early Man Site" north of Barstow, California.

The site, also known as "Camp Leakey" after famous Archaeologist Dr. L.S.B. Leakey, lies in an area of the desert called the Manix Basin. The basin is named after now extinct Lake Manix which was a 250 square mile body of water in past ages.

Dr. Leakey visited the site in 1963 and after a thorough investigation determined the area to be of some archaeological value. He obtained funding from the National Geographic Society and a "dig" was begun.



AS DID ANCIENT MAN—Ranger Fred Budinger shows Valley College students Peggy Edwards and Paul Groner how ancient man in the Calico region of California flaked (shaped) his tools. The trip was sponsored by the Archeology/Anthropology Club. Valley Star Photo by Rose Seidler

Early in the morning of the second bitter cold day student/archaeologist Paul Groner found an artifact under a few inches of concrete-like earth.

"When I found it I was thinking mainly about the people that made it and how their life was affected by the surroundings which were, of course, different than they are now.

"Their whole existence was a 24 hour-a-day struggle for survival—just to get some food together must have taken most of their time. And today—we just go into the refrigerator and get some meat whenever we're hungry."

The artifact, a small scrapping tool made by hitting one rock against another, was verified as genuine by San Bernardino County Ranger Fred Budinger. Budinger also gave a guided tour and showed the students how to work in the site along with a demonstration of how early man actually made the tools that have been discovered there.

Not everyone was as lucky as Paul, however. Peggy Edwards, who has taken the anthropology class and plans on taking archaeology next semester, went purely out of curiosity and came up with only worthless flakes.

"Mostly I wanted to go out there and see what was going on in the Anthropology Club. I didn't really expect to find anything—even though they said we might find some stone tools but no bones, as they deteriorate too fast in the desert.

"I did find some flakes and a bigger flaked rock but Fred said it didn't show any edges or anything so he didn't have me plot it. However, it was put into a bag for future examination."

Legal Center Alloted Operation Finances

Associated Students Executive Council last Tuesday allocated $1,000 from the general contingency funds to continue legal aid for the spring semester.

"It's a benefit to the school; it's a benefit to the students," said Jeff Sloane, commissioner of Jewish studies. "We need them here."

A.S. President Nelson Tucker commented that the current contract will terminate Jan. 30. Negotiations will be underway for spring semester. Tucker said it was important to allocate the money now.

Mary Shih invited members to join her at the Red Cross College and University Blood Program Council meeting to be held at Rio Hondo College Jan. 19. A luncheon will be provided for representatives from colleges and universities in the Southern California region. Ideas and resources are shared by the different colleges to help students conduct a better, more successful blood drive.

English . . .

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said that "drama deals with the many facets of culture that have been a part of us for over 1000 years."

The recurring timelessness of "Antigone," an ancient Greek play written by Sophocles, was demonstrated in an anecdote told by McGovern of how a French production of the play during World War II was intended both to chastise the unknowing German army and as a means of boosting the morale of the French people.

Acted out by French actors who spoke the lines in French, one theme of the play dealt with one woman's rebellion against the laws and ruling authority of her time. In the same spirit of "Liberty Leading the People," a famous French revolutionary painting, the call of the play was obvious to all Frenchmen who saw it but not to the German soldiers who could not understand French (therein lies the chastisement).

"Literature fosters new perception, appreciation and understanding of complex problems," stated Zounes. Werner said that her students teach her a great deal with "their experience and sensitivity whose different interpretations make literature that much richer."

George Bernard Shaw, a 19th and 20th century dramatist, summed it up when he said that, "the man who writes about himself and his own time is the only man who writes about all people and about all time."

Collective Bargaining Debate . . . .

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The union (AFT) has only won five or six bargaining battles in the state, claimed Fish. He also said that in San Diego the union had raised its dues 120 percent, when they were only given the right to implement a 20 percent hike.

When questioned on this point, Fletcher replied that the Los Angeles chapter of AFT was not responsible for those things that occur outside of its jurisdiction.

This is a common ploy utilized by the LA-CTA, stated Fletcher. "Look at Los Angeles and see which organization has done the best job."

Because the LA-CTA has no record on which to stand, Fletcher went on, they bring in extraneous issues, such as what has happened with the AFT in other cities.

"This is not San Diego," said Fletcher, and the AFT in Los Angeles will stand on its own record.

As to LA-CTA's claim that they are not a union, Fletcher scoffs.

"They believe in collective bargaining and the right to strike," explained Fletcher. "I don't see what the difference is."

Discussing the goals of each organization, Fish said that his group was interested in a "total education package" while the AFT, he claimed, leaned more toward wage and hour benefits.

He pointed out that when physical education classes were threatened with sharp cutbacks, it was the LA-CTA that jumped in to prevent, what he considered to be, an attempt to "cheapen" education, while the AFT stood by and watched.

Fletcher denies that his union did not participate in the fight. He said that the union was also involved in the battle.

Agreeing with Fish's statements that graduation requirements at LACCD campuses were too lax, Fletcher said that present general education requirements were not enought to prepare students for what they would face upon transfer to a four-year school.

At present, he went on to explain, LACCD general education requirements were the lowest in the state, and something should be done to correct that deficiency. Fish also finds himself in agreement with this point.

AFT spokesman Fletcher accused the LA-CTA of attempting to delay the date for representative elections.

"From April to January, in 36 meetings between the AFT, the LA-CTA, and the Educational Employees Relations Board, it was clear that LA-CTA was attempting to postpone the election.

"If the election had been held in the spring it would have been no contest," commented Fletcher, confident that his union would have won.

Because the LA-CTA was able to stall for time, they were able to put out more publicity and bring in outside help, he said. Continuing, he said that the campaign manager for the LA-CTA is not a member of that organization, and has never taught before.

Fish, without being questioned on the subject, brought up and denied the charge that the LA-CTA had stalled the election.

He said that the present date on which the elections will be held was the only one that had been offered to them.

Both men are concerned about the quality of education received by the student. In both cases, smaller class size is a large issue, and both feel that with their respective organizations as bargaining agents, such a goal could be accomplished.

They also agree that by bettering the conditions under which teachers work, including more office space and fringe benefits, the students would ultimately benefit.

While Fish is unsure of the outcome of the election, Fletcher feels confident that the AFT will come out on top.

What's Happening

Experiences in Backpacking

Dick Ramirez, a former chairperson of the San Fernando Sierra Club, will speak on "The Backpacking Experience" in Monarch Hall Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Transvestism and Transexualism

Virginia Prince will give a lecture covering the controversial topics of transvestism and transexualism at 11 a.m. Monday in Monarch Hall. She is sponsored by Valley College Communicators and the Speech 20 class. It is free.

Museum Open House

Valley College's Historical Museum will have an open house Monday and Tuesday in Bungalow 15. Refreshments will be served which are typical of early foods eaten in the San Fernando Valley. It's open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reducing Testing Panic

The Learning Center Workshop for Tuesday is "Reducing Panic (Testing)" at 11 a.m. in the Learning Center.

All That Jazz

Valley College's Studio Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble will perform today in Monarch Hall at 11 a.m. Free admission.

Wisconsin Kibbutz

Hillel Council will show an ABC documentary film titled "Kibbutz Langdon—USA" Monday at noon in FL 111. The film views a commune in Wisconsin of 22 young Jews.

Special Outdoor Concert

The Valley College Jazz Rock Marching Band will perform in the Free Speech area Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Ancient Astronomy

"Archaeo-Astronomy: Ancient Astronomy of Stonehenge and Meso America" is a lecture to be presented Tuesday at 11 a.m. in MS 109.

Choral Music

A free concert will be given by the Valley College Choir and Chamber Chorale at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall Wednesday.

VC Classes Meeting Managerial Demand

Courses in volunteer program management are being offered by the college, to train individuals in the management and supervision of volunteer workers.

Kay Bixby, executive director of Voluntary Action Center, in a release issued by the Valley College office of public information, said that practically every federal grant stipulates that there be some form of involvement with volunteers.

The demand, she continued, is not just in hospitals and sanatoriums, churches and rest homes, but also exists in business corporations and industry in which many employees are interested in volunteering their services during off-job hours for such things as disaster relief drives, tutorial services, and career school programs.

Courses being offered include fundamentals of volunteer organization and management, an introduction into the field of volunteer program management and the skills necessary for creating a volunteer organization; and fundamentals of volunteer program development, an exploration of the human services needs of the community and how to meet them.

"There is another value to the program, in addition to preparing students for jobs as managers of volunteers," said Bixby. "The student gains experience in supervision and management which can be translated into other job opportunities.

Students interested in gaining further information about the courses offered are asked to contact Hugh Moore, assistant dean of instruction, 781-1200, extension 315.

Show Exhibits Student Talent

Acts such as dramtic scenes, singers, musicians, magicians and a host of others will make-up the acts to be presented.

Celebrities from various areas of the entertainment field will make up the panel of judges.

Charlie Tuna, KIIS disc jockey, has tentatively been slated as the announcer for the show, however the actual master of ceremonies has not yet been selected.

"To revive student interest and alleviate as much apathy as possible is one of the reasons the talent show is being held," stated Steve Katz, AMS president and co-ordinator of the event.

Another benefit which will hopefully arise from the program is to raise funds for the mini-pool.

Following a series of semi-finals, 12 finalists will be selected to perform in Monarch Hall January 13, at 8 p.m. Admission is $1.

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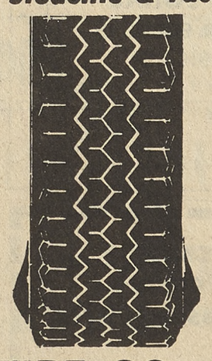
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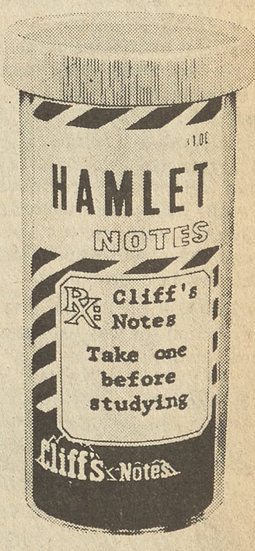
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Becker No 'Quack,' Moves To Oregon to Coach Ducks

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

John Becker, the most successful football coach in Valley College history, has resigned from his post to take the job of offensive coordinator at the University of Oregon.

"I turned Oregon's offer down several times before finally deciding to accept it a few weeks ago," said Becker. "Rich Brooks, their new head coach, is a friend of mine, and he made the offer to move North so good I couldn't turn it down."

Although he is only 33 years old, Becker has been in coaching since 1969. He held various assistant jobs at UCLA, New Mexico State, and the University of New Mexico before coming to Valley in 1974.

After his Monarch club went 3-5-1 in 1974, Becker turned them around in leading Valley to their best season in the school's history in '75. They went 9-1, won the Metropolitan Conference championship, and won the Potato Bowl game.

In '76, after a fast start, his Valley squad wound up 5-4 overall with several close defeats.

Valley Star Sports

Becker calls his 17-10-1 record as VC coach an "improvement" over previous Valley records, but still not excellent. He cites several reasons for his move to Oregon.

"For one, I like the area," says Becker. "Eugene is a beautiful town. Also, my family is excited about moving there. I'd like to try my hand again coaching at a four-year school, even as an assistant. I feel I can concentrate more on football at Oregon, with fewer distractions."

But the former Valley head coach doesn't want to make it look like he's abandoning the ship or going out of bitterness. "I enjoyed coaching at Valley more than I can say," stated Becker. "It was just great working with (Bruno) Cicotti and (Athletic Director George) Goff.

"The whole coaching staff has been fantastic, and they're a very good bunch of people. I'm leaving the situation in good hands."

Those good hands will be headed by Steve Butler, who has been named the new head coach for next season. Last season, he was Becker's top assistant.

Also leaving his post at Valley is Pat Hill, an assistant football coach. He has accepted an offensive assistant's position at the University of Utah.



FAREWELL—Valley head football coach John Becker is carried off the field by his players after winning the Potato Bowl in 1975. Becker has recently accepted the job of offensive coordinator at the University of Oregon for next fall.
Valley Star Photo by Dub Allen

JOCK STRAPS

Men Look As Ladies Do Talking

Alex Karras is witty and Gifford has class, but Howard Cosell is a pain in the ....

We've all seen these "frequent" faces on Monday Night Football but don't you think Cosell should pack up his toupee's and let someone young, animated, and intelligent take his place?

Look around you and who do you see to fill the position? Maybe you've got Bryant Gumbel or Stu Nahan in mind, but have you ever considered the possibility of having a woman sportscaster?



TONI DRAKE
Staff Writer

Society has always associated men with sports, and women have always been overlooked until recently.

Still, "Mr. Big" is very apprehensive about taking that giant step of putting a woman on prime time, with millions of viewers tuned in, while reporting the excitement of the Super Bowl or the World Series.

With beautiful women like Phyllis George, sportscasting could reach a new dimension in TV and radio communications.

"Women's Lib" is not the case here but instead a dream, a want, a goal that many qualified women would love to fulfill.

As Valley's Women's Sports Information Director and a sports writer for the Star, I find myself contained in a non-stop process of acquiring a large capacity of knowledge about the different sports each and every day, learning how to respect each one with an open and fair mind. Athletes are the greatest!

Like many other women, I love sports, and when my time comes to prove myself worthy of being a damn good sportscaster, I'm gonna go for it.

As women strive toward excellence, personality, intelligence, creativity, and individualism in sportscasting, there is only one thing left to say.

Howard Cosell . . . step aside because you've got competition.

GO 4-3 OVER CHRISTMAS VACATION

VC Cagers Gamble, Cash in on 'The Buck'

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

Led by the scoring and superb all-around play of star forward Lonnie Buckner, Valley's basketball Monarchs won four of seven games over a successful Winter Vacation.

Buckner scored 187 points in the seven games, a 26.7 average. He was the spark plug on Valley's hustling squad as they gave it their all in some tough games during the two weeks.

VALLEY 82, FULLERTON 64

In the first round of the Chaffey College Tournament Dec. 15, the Monarchs took it to Fullerton, defeating them for the second time this young season, 82-64.

"This was one of our better games of the year, and we played extremely well and together," said Valley Coach Jim Stephens. "This game showed we're starting to jell as a team."

The Monarchs left little doubt who was the better team as they grabbed the lead at the start and never looked back. Fullerton's main problem was their inability to defense Buckner.

Lonnie hit from anywhere and everywhere on the floor as he poured in 37 points to lead the Valley cause. Forward Dave Camp was next with 17, and guard Ken Burns chipped in with 14 points.

PASADENA 76, VALLEY 63

Despite a marvelous individual performance by Buckner, the Monarchs bowed out of the Chaffey Tournament the next night (Dec. 16) as they were outscored by a talented Pasadena Lancer squad, 76-63.

For the second night in a row, Buckner was everywhere as he collected 26 points and hauled in 20 rebounds in the losing cause. He got 19 of those points in the second half, when the Monarchs made a futile run, but it was to no avail.

"The game was a whole lot closer than the score indicates," said Coach Stephens.

For the first 10 minutes of the game the score was close, but Pasadena scored eight points in a row en route to a 14 point lead at halftime. Valley never overcame that burst.

Camp supported the Monarchs with 10 points, followed by guard Myron Ryan with eight, and center John McDonough with seven points. Buckner finished with 63 points and 41 rebounds for the tournament.

GENDALE 77, VALLEY 71

Valley led all the way except where it counts, at the finish, as they were overcome by a game Glendale squad, 77-71, in the Monarch's first home game of the season Dec. 22.

"We played terribly!" related Stephens. "The team performed so poorly .... we just shouldn't have lost this game. We had them beat."

After a see-saw first half which Valley led, 36-35, they got a few points on Glendale at the beginning of the second half and kept it .... until three minutes remained.

The Vaqueros took over with three minutes left and outperformed the Monarchs the rest of the way, due to numerous Valley mistakes and turnovers.

Forward Steve Scott led Valley with 24 points, with Buckner right behind at 23.

VALLEY 61, MOORPARK 59

Buckner was little more than his usual hero self the next night against highly touted Moorpark as Valley upset, 61-59.

All Lonnie did was win the game by hitting a five-foot jump shot with two seconds left to play, frustrate Moorpark center John Gissendanner by defensing him into scoring far below his team-leading average, and lead all scorers with 27 points.

"Lonnie played fantastically, but it was a team effort," said Stephens.

Valley led most of the way and had a 10 point bulge early in the second half. Moorpark chipped away, however, and tied the count at 59 with five minutes to go.

Then both teams stalled.

Moorpark ran down the clock down to two and a half minutes, when a bad pass gave the ball out to the Monarchs. The Monarchs then stalled it out with a four corner passing drill until Buckner hit the shot.

Forward Scott Shepley also contriituted mightily ot the Valley cause, coming off the bench to hit all six of his shots, three in each half. Camp also contributed eight points.

VALLEY 89, VENTURA 72

Balance and consistency are the two words that best describe the Monarch's 89-72 defeat of Ventura in the first round of the Santa Monica College Tournament Dec. 28.

"We had balanced scoring, with all five starters scoring in double figures, and a consistently potent attack," described Stephens. "It was a good effort, and a good win."

Following a close first half (the Monarchs led 40-38), Valley broke the game open with accurate shooting and tenacious defense in the second half. The Monarchs hit a remarkable 54 percent of their field goals for the game.

Ventura was also outrebounded badly by Valley, 53-31, as the smaller Monarchs used their body and position to gain the advantage.

McDonough led the balanced scoring with 20 points, hitting seven of 13 shots, while Buckner swished in 19 and 11 rebounds. Burns put in 15 points while Camp and Shepley, the other two starters, rung up 12 and 10 points respectively.

VALLEY 66, COMPTON 60

Showing the guts and "never say die" attitude that their coach has instilled in them, the Monarchs came back from what looked like a hopeless deficit to overturn Compton, 66-60.

After Compton jumped out to a 38-26 halftime advantage, the Monarchs came storming back to outscore the Tarters 40-22 in the second half.



THE 'BUCK'—Valley star forward Lonnie Buckner (left) tips off at center court against Moorpark Dec. 23.
Valley Star Photo by Pat Bower

"The guys never quit, even when they should have died," said a proud Coach Stephens. "We held together and played a great second half."

When Valley took the lead, 11-9, after four minutes of play, Compton went on an 11-0 blitz in the next four. They built the lead up to 15 points before settling for the 12-point bulge at halftime.

Then in the second half, behind Camp and Buckner, the Monarchs rallied and rallied. Camp scored seven of Valley's first eight points, and Buckner hit several jumpers

The Monarchs got the lead, finally, on a Scott free throw with 2:44 left in the game, and that was that.

Buckner hit for 20 points to lead all scorers. Camp scored 11 points, Shepley netted 10, and Burns and McDonough hustled for nine and eight each.

The win advanced Valley to the final round of the tournament the next night against the host club, Santa Monica.

SANTA MONICA 62, VALLEY 61

Lonnie Buckner may be the best player in the Metropolitan Conference, or maybe even the state (or the nation), but he's not a miracle worker.

Buckner did it all in the finals of the Santa Monica Tournament Dec. 23, scoring 35 points, but Valley still couldn't hang on as they gave Santa Monica their main Christmas present two days early in losing, 62-61.

The Monarchs led by five, 59-54, with less than two minutes to play, then they threw the game and tournament away at the end.

"It was pure bad luck .... things just didn't go our way at the end," Stephens philosophised. "If we played those last minutes with that lead 100 more times, we'd hold onto it 99 times."

Sports Menu
(for week of Jan. 6-12)

BASKETBALL—Jan. 7, Valley at Mt. San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11, Valley at Long Beach, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS—Jan. 12, Valley at Golden West, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING—Jan. 11, Valley at El Camino, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL—Anyone interested in trying out for the team contact Rick Beress in the Men's Gym between Jan. 6 and 14.

After being down by eight, 34-26, at the half, Valley held to their pattern lately with a furious second half rally. They chipped away at the lead, then slowly increased their own advantage, until approximately two minutes remained.

Jeff Perry brought the Corsairs back as he hit a jump shot and then, following a missed Valley shot, hit another jumper while being fouled.

He hit both ends of a one and one, and added another bucket to ice the game.

Buckner was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Burns also was named to the all-tournament team. Buckner's performance moved him to ninth among all-time Valley scorers with 938 career points.

The loss dropped Valley's record to 9-5. They travel next to Mt. San Antonio Friday for a 7:30 p.m. match, then they begin conference play Tuesday at Long Beach. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Editor's Note — I would like to thank a friend, Tracy Martin, for his help in compiling information for this story. Without his assistance, this article would not have been possible.

Monarchettes Finish Fourth in California

After achieving a "smashing" 10-4 season record, Valley's women's basketball team played on a low key as they "dribbled" to fourth place in the Southern California Community College Invitational of California Basketball Tournament held Dec. 14, at El Camino College.

"We played ok," stated Coach Maryann Breckell, "but we could have played better."

Valley was off to a good start as they defeated Harbor, 50-39, but then struck bad luck as they lost to both Fullerton and Hancock.

Top scorers for the Monarchettes included Lavelle Braxton with 10 points, Stearlene Marshall with nine, and Gail "Flex" Wolze and Anne Kent with eight a piece.

Final results of the tournament are as follows: Fullerton took first; Hancock, second; Golden West, third; and Valley, fourth.

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Director Inserts Profanity To Stress Sexual Theme

By ARCHIE CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

"My play, 'Little Boy Blue,' makes using the word f... on stage seem tame by comparison," says Steve Okley, author, producer, and director of this attempt at broad-siding some deeply ingrained ideas of sexual roles played in contemporary society.

In one act Okley tries to dispell all myths concerning sexual experiences between females, between males, and both together. The language is rough but to the point making the message clear although rather heavy-handed.

The play will be performed today only at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the Theater Art's experimental stage.

The action takes place in Shannon's apartment (Shannon, played by Susan Drury) and begins to pick up steam when Pammy (Susanne Sutton) enters and accuses Shannon of making out with Timmy—Little Boy Blue, played by Patrick Kelly.

Shannon passes off Pammy's tirade as just so much hyperbole and proceeds in an attempt to seduce the highly desirable fashion model, Pammy.

Enter Timmy. He has two earth-shaking announcements to make. One, he has a job as a Disco D.J., and two, he has just made it with another guy.

Pammy is elated by the former statement, but appaled by the latter.

Shannon suggests they make a "menage." Pammy comes unglued at this idea and tries to extract a promise from Timmy "that he'll never do it again" and calls Shannon evil.

But Shannon is more interested in hearing about Timmy's sexual awakening than Pammy's polyanish pleadings and asks, "Did you suck the guy's c... and have a little anal sex?"

Timmy answers, "Yes, and I enjoyed every minute of it."

From here the plot gets pretty loose. Shannon and Timmy are trying to get Pammy into the spirit of things and she's resisting. Shannon suggests that cocaine might loosen everyone up.

Shannon and Timmy snort while Pammy sulks in the corner, but they both lay a heavy trip on Pammy and she finally caves in and they all kick back on the coach and relax.

Pammy wants to make it with Timmy "right now." But Timmy is looking for broader horizons and says, "I get the D.J. job, make it with another guy and now—two women at once. Wow!"

Another snort of coke for Pammy and she's ready for anything, but first Timmy wants to watch Pammy and Shannon get it on together.

They do and the stage lights fade.

When the lights come up again Shannon is bringing in coffee and everyone is smoking "after" cigarettes. Some pretty heavy social statements are made about the events of the past few hours, mostly for the purpose of making Pammy feel less guilty.

Timmy takes off for his D.J. job and he and Pammy have a Shakespearian parting. But as soon as he leaves Shannon and Pammy head for the bedroom. Pammy has been converted into the ranks of bisexuality.

Steve Okley shows promise as author/director and his deep dedication comes through when he's working with the actors.

"I want to be blatently open to the audience at all times," is one of the ways Okley describes his methods of producing his plays. He had some trouble getting the play on stage because of acting temperament in rehearsal and the change in midstream of the character Shannon.

Although the play tries to make too many statements, and there are problems with casting, "Little Boy Blue" is definitely worth seeing.

$24 Million Doesn't Make a King (Kong)

By LINDA RONQUILLO
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

For those who have admired the ingenuity and originality of the 1933 "King Kong," Dino De Laurentius' 1976 vintage of the beauty and beast fable is a tremendous disappointment.

Despite a colossal $24-million expenditure and the benefit of 43 years of technological advancement, the remake of the old classic comes across as an elaborate insult to the viewer's intelligence.

In a feeble attempt at satire, script writer Lorenzo Semple Jr. destroyed the film with corny dialogue that is enough to send Kong on a rampage.

Although $1.7 million was spent on the construction of a 40-foot mechanical gorilla requiring a team of 20 operators of animation, this bionic ape was used in only one sequence. In all the action scenes where Kong is seen thrashing about they used a man in a monkey suit.

The only truly sensational scenes occur when Kong fights a giant snake serpent to save beauty and when he crashes through the massive ancient gates built by the island natives.

The role of beauty was played by Jessica Lange. As an aspiring young actress she just happens to be the sole survivor of a yacht explosion because she refused to go below deck to watch stag films.

Adrift, she is picked up by a multinational oil tanker in search of a mysterious island believed to be rich in crude oil.

Being the only girl on a ship of men who've been long out to sea doesn't inhibit her empty head one bit as she frolics about sparsely clad. She spouts such memorable lines as, "Do you know anyone else whose life was saved by "Deep Throat?" and "My horoscope said I would cross water and meet the biggest person in my life."

Although she makes the pretenses of being frightened, it is too obvious that she has more than a little attraction for the beast.

All this "gee wiz" and "golly" is more than one can take from this coquettish nymph who perhaps makes a perfect match for Kong.



"I'VE SEEN BETTER ACTING APES in the White House," comments a disgruntled viewer as he watches the new "King Kong."

Valley Star Photo by Michelle Meredith

Shop Man Lives Way Of Ancients

Editor's Note: Doug Curran is a Valley College journalism student who has done extensive world travelling.

Simply being is sufficient for him.

In my travels through India's Himalayan foothills I met a small-time shop keeper in the business of selling herbs.

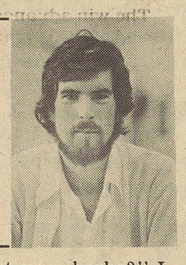
He was clearly an example of the human spirit prevailing over the clutches of materialism.

For centuries India has been regarded as a spiritual land where materialistic innovations are few and far between. Not that India has resisted materialism in the form of automobiles, factories, and other money-making endeavors. Quite to the contrary; it is a vast producer in the steel and textile industry, making it one of the most productive countries in east Asia.

The small-time merchant or farmer is a classic example of the ancient heritage and philosophy of the Indian people.

His little shop had just enough room for the two of us, and we were completely surrounded with tin cans full of herbs.

DOUG CURRAN
Staff Writer



"Where do you get your herbs?" I asked.

He said, "I walk into the Himalayas and the herbs call to me to sacrifice their lives. One day I was walking and the herbs began calling to me, not in words but in feeling."

Just then I looked out the door of his shop at the right moment to see a group of Saddhus (holy men who live a life of austerity and total abstinence of material possessions) walk by. This made me think of the spiritual life in India which is quite often the salient point for many people.

To this shopkeeper materialism is something man-made and therefore holds no ultimate reality. He lives a life in poverty and has no desire for material gain. Through his eyes, technology is a means but not an end.

"Technology seems to have created an illusion that it is an end in itself and not merely a means, yet the human spirit and will have prevailed over military and material strength..." Indira Gandhi, in a message to America, Time magazine, Nov. 1, 1976.

If it is in fact true that the human spirit will prevail over material strength, and technology is a means and not an end, then perhaps the materialistic society has something to learn from a culture centuries older than western civilization.

Fine Arts Happenings

New Thoughts on Solar System

A new planetarium show, "Crossing the New Ocean," will explore information returned by automated spaceships which has provoked new thought about the origin of the solar system and life. Shows will be Friday, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

$15,000 To Be Granted to Composers

A total of $15,000 is available to young composers in the 25th annual Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) Awards to Student Composers competition.

The competition closes Feb. 15. Official rules and entry blanks are available from Oliver Daniel, Director, BMI Awards to Student Composers, Broadcast Music Inc., 40 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

Guitar School To Open

Guitar Institute of Technology, the first vocational institution devoted exclusively to the training of professional guitarists, will open for classes, March 7 at 1420 N. Beachwood Dr., Hollywood, Ca., 90028.

Additional information is available from the Admissions Office, Guitar Institute of Technology.

One-Act Play Offered

A one-act play, "Time Square," by L. Melfi and directed by Frank Scaffold will be presented in the Experimental Theater on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. The play will star David Siemsen and Janet Scott, and will feature a cast of five top actors from the Theater Arts Department.

Admission is free.

Harpsichordist's Interpretation Makes for Successful Recital

By DOUG CURRAN
Staff Writer

Works of Frescobaldi, Froberger, J.S. Bach, F. Couperin, and contemporary composers H. Lazarof and A.J. Palmer were performed in a recent harpsichord recital by Kathy McIntosh, music instructor. The comprehensive program was exquisitely performed with espressivo and her sound stylistic range illuminated every selection.

In Frescobaldi's time, Italian harpsichord music was confined to dances and songs, many of which were transcriptions of lute pieces. McIntosh interpreted the music of Frescobaldi and Froberger with this salient, artistic point in mind.

Also under McIntosh's control was the "Impossible," Toccata in F sharp minor, in which she displayed sforzando and breezed through the technical hurdles and performed with remarkable textual clarity and scrupulous articulation of the florid counterpoint.

The music of Francois Couperin is indicative of the opulent culture surrounding the autocracy of Louis XIV.

What the Bach family was in Germany, the Couperins were in France. This lute-like music, in the French style, is idiomatic for the instrument and McIntosh gave a beautiful interpretation.

McIntosh concluded her recital on a 20th century note by performing two works by contemporary composers, Dr. A.J. Palmer, an instructor at Valley College, and Henri Lazarof.

Being the true artist that McIntosh is, comprehensiveness and ability to capture and adhere as closely as possible to the stylistic performance practices of each country and period make her playing, aside from the sheer technical brilliance, a cultural experience all in itself. Her recital was a hallmark of harpsichord playing.

Wanda Landowska is alive and well...

Show To Boost Mini-Pool Fund

A benefit performance will be given by the Pedro Lorca Spanish Dancers Saturday, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the construction of the proposed shallow pool for use by the handicapped, senior citizens, and those learning to swim.

While general admission is $2, students and staff with Valley College ID can see the performance for $1. A free performance will be given on Friday at 7 p.m. for those Gold Card carriers who pick up their tickets in advance of the performance at B35 or the Business Office.

Message of Inhumanity Revealed in TV Movie

By EDITH TSU
Staff Writer

NBC's Monday night Movie-Drama, "The Loneliest Runner," is a devastating study of cruelty.

It is a semi-autobiography written by Michael Landon which delves and probes into unusual human relationships that have universal identification.

The story is about a teenage bedwetter who is relentlessly brutalized by a sadistic, domineering mother.

But it is also more than that.

It is an indicting statement about man's inhumanity to man.

Lance Kerwin gives a haunting performance of the young man who must run ahead of his classmates each day to keep them from seeing the urine stained sheets that his mother hangs outside his window. Kerwin's work in the show is brilliant.

The emasculating mother, who crucifies her son for his one single flaw, is played to perfection by DeAnn Mears. As the mother, she needs an exorcist.

The part of the weak-willed father who lets his son be abused is portrayed believably by Brian Keith.

Because of its delicate subject matter, it took Michael Landon more than three years to sufficiently interest someone in this tightly woven, poignant script.

Landon also directed, produced, and appeared as the adult John Curtis, whose mind-scarring fears caused him to run harder, which inadvertently trained him to become an Olympic gold-medal running winner.

A lot of important messages went down in this Dec. 20, 1976 TV-movie.

One of its most positive and encouraging messages is that the human mind can prevail over adversity. And, sometimes we succeed in life **because** of what happens to us, rather than in spite of it.

"The Loneliest Runner" should win several important Emmys. It is sure to be on one of the most eagerly awaited rerun lists.

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